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For: **SYSTEM FOR PERFORMING VASCULAR ANASTOMOSES**

**Application Elements:**

- ☒ Specification (23 pages); 13 claims on pages 20-22; Abstract of the Disclosure.
- ☒ Twenty (20) sheets of formal drawings.
- ☒ Copy of Oath or Declaration from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) with Power of Attorney.
- ☒ Incorporation By Reference: the entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the Oath or Declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: HEARTPORT, INC.
- ☒ A verified Statement to Establish Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §1.9 and 37 CFR §1.27 & 1.28 was filed in the prior application and small entity status is still proper and desired.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97.
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Change of Correspondence Address.

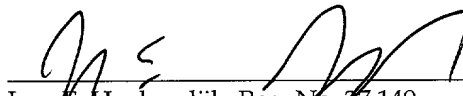
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